



# Radcliffe-on-Trent Pre-School Playgroup



We are delighted that we are one of the Co-op's chosen local charities for the coming year. Playgroup benefits when you nominate us as your chosen charity via your Co-op account so please sign up if you don't already have an account, or sign in to your online account at [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership) to start raising funds for Playgroup. Please ask your friends and family to do the same. Funds will go towards resources for our outdoor learning area such a windy day boxes and mark-making resource cupboards.

We hope you have now had a chance to read our Ofsted report following our inspection in September, and agree that it is a lovely reflection of our Playgroup and your children. We are proud to have received such a good report, particularly as we were one of the first schools in Nottinghamshire to be inspected under the new Ofsted framework. Thank you to all parents and carers for their support. Here's the link if you want to read it here <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/EY538725>

As Christmas approaches you may find it helpful to use Playgroup to find a little extra time in your schedule! We have ad hoc places available on most sessions and you can even ask on the day. Just contact Playgroup or ask a staff member. Session costs can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

A few requests please – if your child is ill or will be absent from Playgroup for any reason please contact June or a staff member on 07891 829513 or at [rotpreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com](mailto:rotpreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com) to let us know. Please do NOT use the admin email or Tapestry as messages to these are not picked up as regularly and may be missed.

If your child comes to Playgroup in Wellingtons please send a spare pair of shoes for indoor use as June our Supervisor is highly allergic to latex. Thank you.

Please note that no dogs may be brought up the school drive – please leave them safely at the entrance on Bingham Road.

### **Bad Weather Closure this Winter**

Playgroup will close in the event that the Infant and Nursery School closes. If this happens we will notify parents as soon as we can using Facebook and our website so, if the weather is bad, please check these for updates

## Autumn Term Update Nov 2019

### Diary Dates

#### Children in Need

Week starting 11 November we will be supporting this cause all week – your child can come in a favourite costume or Pudsey spots. Donations box available.

#### **Playgroup Ladies Night Gift and Pamper Fair – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 7.30pm at Radcliffe Hall, British Legion**

Tickets £5 to include first drink and light supper are available from Playgroup or Pen2Paper. Please look out for our event on Facebook, where you will also be able to pre-book beauty and pamper treatments and see who we have attending.

#### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November Photoshoot sessions with Ochre Red Studios for Playgroup children and siblings**

Details of session times were sent out by email (ask Deborah if you need details again) and are on our noticeboard and website. If you have Junior School children who wish to take part please speak to June about times.

#### **Playgroup Nativity will take place on three dates, at Playgroup, on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 11am and Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.30pm**

You will need a ticket for this event and there is a limit of 2 tickets per Playgroup child. There is no charge for tickets but we will have a donations box for our fund towards a defibrillator at Playgroup. We will need to keep numbers within our fire limit. Tickets will be available from Playgroup w/c 18 November.

Playgroup will provide most of the Nativity costumes although we may ask you if there is something extra we need. If your child does not usually attend on any of those dates he/she can join in on one of the above Nativities – please let staff know so that we can prepare costumes, and please bring your child on the day 10 minutes before we are due to start

#### **Last day of Autumn Term - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Playgroup opens after Xmas break on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan**

#### **Spring Half Term 2020 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb plus INSET day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Playgroup CLOSED**

If you have any old spare pots and pans and utensils, and winter plants or herbs, which the children could use in the home corner and mud kitchen please bring them in. We also need boys' and girls' socks and pants please plus wellies in larger sizes (up to age 4).

## Contact Numbers

Please make sure you contact us on the appropriate number and email. This is really important as the Business Manager only works part time and so will not be able to pick up messages every day.

If your child is ill and will not be at Playgroup for his/her session please phone **June our Supervisor and the staff at Playgroup** on **07891 829513** or email

[rotpreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com](mailto:rotpreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com)

Please also let us know if your child will be absent for any other reason as we are required to account for all absences for safeguarding reasons.

For any queries relating to fees, invoices, funding, changes to sessions on a permanent basis or general administration please call our **Business Manager, Deborah**, on **07505 606447** or email at [rotplaygroupadmin@googlemail.com](mailto:rotplaygroupadmin@googlemail.com)

## Website and Facebook

Visit our website at [www.rotpreschoolplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.rotpreschoolplaygroup.co.uk) and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ROTPSPplaygroup](https://www.facebook.com/ROTPSPplaygroup) for news and developments

Our library is proving popular so don't miss the opportunity to try out a new book to read at home. You just need to sign it out and back in in the accompanying book – there is no charge.



## Notice period for children leaving

**Children leaving – please remember to give notice**

- If your child is leaving or dropping sessions during or at the end of this term we require 4 weeks' term time notice in writing. To give us adequate notice for the end of Autumn Term you would need to let us know by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** please.
- Please use one of our Notice Forms to let us know if you are dropping sessions
- If your child is going to be starting at the school nursery and you would like additional sessions with take and collects to and from nursery please ask us as early as you can.

## STIKINS name labels

**Naming clothes, bags and water bottles**

Please don't forget to label coats, scarves, gloves, hats and boots, bags and bottles to avoid confusion, and check the lost property box regularly.

We have an arrangement with STIKINS, which benefits Playgroup – please look at the link on our website to buy these waterproof non-iron labels which can be used on all of these items.

**Thank you for reading and we wish your children and you an enjoyable rest of the Autumn Term**

## Funding forum – looking ahead to next Spring Term 2020

### Government funded places for ALL eligible 3 and 4 year olds for Spring Term 2020

Children born between 01/08/2016 and 31/12/2016 will become eligible for up to 15 hours per week of funded places at Playgroup from the Spring Term 2020 starting in January 2020. To discuss how you can use your entitlement, please contact Deborah. This 15 hours' of funding is a universal entitlement – all 3+ year olds are eligible.

### 30 Hours Free Childcare for working households

Children turning 3 during this Autumn Term may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare from the Spring Term 2020 if both (or one if only one in the household) parents/carers within the household work. The only earnings cap is £100K each, as the funding is designed to encourage both parents back into work.

Go to [https://childcare-](https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow)

[support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow](https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow) for more information. Application is **made by you** to HMRC and you will be provided with a code. You **MUST** obtain this code in the term **BEFORE** your child will be eligible for funding. So if your child turns three between 1 Sept 2019 and 31 Dec 2019 you must apply for your code this Autumn Term by 31 December 2019 in order to claim funding starting Spring Term 2020.

Please let Deborah when you receive the code and she will give you a funding form to complete for us to claim the funding. You can split your 30 hours between more than one setting, including childminders and the school nursery.

### Verifying your 30 hour code

Codes have an expiry date and HMRC will notify you to remind you to re-check your code through your account with them from time to time. **Please make sure you do this as you will lose the right to funding if your code lapses.**

If you have any funding queries please contact Deborah and she will be happy to help you.

## Session costs and ad hocs

Ad hoc sessions are available (subject to having space on the day) and can be booked by phoning Playgroup on 07891 829513.

We ask you to 'Pay and Play' for ad hoc sessions, so payment is required on the day, please. Please note that, because of the Nottinghamshire County Council rules on funded places, ad hoc sessions cannot be covered by funding and will be charged for. Our sessions and prices from September 2019 are:

**Breakfast Club: 7.30am – 9am £7.55**

**Morning: 9am – 12 £14.10**

**Morning early start 8.30am £9.90**

**Lunch Club: 12-1pm £4.70**

*(must be in conjunction with a morning or afternoon session)*

**Afternoon: 1pm – 3.30pm £11.75**

**After School Club: 3.30 – 6pm £12.25**

**Full day: 7.30am – 6pm £50.35**

We can take to Nursery and Collect from Nursery for and from lunch club. A take or a collect walk costs £1.10 in addition to the cost of the session. Breakfast and a light, hot tea will be provided as part of the before and after school session, and is included in the price shown above.